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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged. The Southeast regional prices were lower on the larger sizes, but higher on the mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate, best where promotions were a factor. Supplies were adequate to ample for the larger sizes and sufficient to tight for the lighter weights. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to tight for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Delivered warehouse and store door prices were 2 cents higher for mediums with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for all sizes. Retail sales were light to moderate and better into features. Food service movement was generally light. Supplies were adequate to ample for the larger sizes and balanced to tight for medium and small. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to barely adequate. Supplies were tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.					
	RANGE	MOSTLY		RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-59	53-56	LARGE	31-40	35
LARGE	49-58	51-54	MEDIUM	26-32	30
MEDIUM	42-53	46-49	SMALL	9-13	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on mediums, unchanged on extra large and large when compared to last week's values. The market tone was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were close balanced to available for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for irregular processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were at adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-74	60-63
LARGE	53-67	58-62
MEDIUM	46-59	51-53

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on the larger sizes, mediums increased 2 cents. Trade sentiment about steady on the larger sizes, at least steady for mediums. Retail demand moderate to good with mediums features providing the best interest. Food service movement was only fair. Supplies of larger sizes adequate to fully adequate, mediums adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offers were tight to barely adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were fulltime. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59.5-68	61-64
LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
MEDIUM	50.5-59	52-55

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on the larger sizes and higher on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was usually steady beginning the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to in balance with the heavier weighted eggs in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to barely sufficient for a moderate demand. Spent hens were adequate to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56.5-64	58-61
LARGE	55-62	56-59
MEDIUM	48-56	49-53

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on medium, at best steady on larger sizes. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were usually close balanced to available for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-71
LARGE	65-69
MEDIUM	58-62

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-65	58-60
LARGE	55-63	56-58
MEDIUM	48-56	49-51

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% lower than last Monday with California down 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, 2 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 70.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	105
LARGE	94
MEDIUM	90

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-329	JUMBO	329-379
LARGE	249-299	EXTRA LARGE	229-329
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	188-329
MEDIUM	189-195	MEDIUM	158-274

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 06, 2006 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 29, 2006 were 336,919 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	275,935	60,984	336,919
% change from the prior week.....	-5	+36	+1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to barely adequate. Supplies were tight to in close balance. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-29	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-22	17-19
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
02-OCT-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7.5 CENTS/LB.		4.69

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was light to fair and generally unaggressive for the at least adequate to instances ample offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was no better than fair. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
02-OCT-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7 CENTS/LB.		4.73
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- OCTOBER 02, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.1	16.2	10.3	15.2	12.1	63.9
	Change	1.3	-0.2	1.3	2.3	0.9	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	56.5	16.5	26.8	42.1	165.4
	Change	-0.7	-8.7	2.6	-1.2	0.9	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	33.4	202.8	92.2	103.2	127.4	559.0
	Change	1.9	10.1	-4.4	-5.9	-4.7	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	44.5	15.9	22.3	30.7	125.2
	Change	-0.3	3.0	-0.2	3.9	-6.0	0%
Small	Curr Wk	6.2	8.7	1.4	2.3	3.1	21.7
	Change	0.0	0.0	-0.6	-0.6	-1.2	-10%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	37.4	7.4	11.8	6.6	65.6
	Change	0.1	-10.0	-2.9	-1.2	0.0	-18%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.9	58.8	18.0	31.2	27.6	147.5
	Change	1.5	-6.3	-1.7	-7.1	0.6	-8%
Total	Curr Wk	99.3	424.9	161.7	212.8	249.6	1148.3
Percent	Change	4%	-3%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1148.3	-3%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	232.1	4%	35
Total Shell Egg	1380.4	-2%	201

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 29, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS		TOTAL LOADS						
11.75								2.25		14.00						
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	36.50	—	37.00	38.50	—	—	2.00	GL W J	53.00	—	—	—	—	58.00	.75	
GL W XL	—	—	—	50.00	44.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	39.00	47.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	35.00	38.00	5.25	GL W LG	36.50	—	—	—	—	44.50	6.25	
GL W MD	—	—	41.00	43.00	27.00	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	39.00	1.00	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/25/06-09/29/06

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS		TOTAL LOADS						
81.50								37.00		118.50						
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	36.50	—	37.50	38.57	—	—	9.00	GL W J	46.68	52.00	—	—	—	55.57	8.00	
GNR BR 1	—	67.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	39.86	45.08	—	54.50	—	52.80	7.75	
GL W J	—	—	52.00	54.00	41.44	—	4.25	GL W LG	39.20	45.00	—	57.00	—	45.73	31.00	
GL W XL	36.00	45.50	48.00	48.21	40.18	—	32.75	GL W MD	—	46.00	37.00	55.00	—	40.56	4.00	
GL W LG	—	53.00	42.67	47.32	33.29	38.00	43.25	GL BR XL	—	76.36	—	—	—	—	1.75	
GL W MD	45.00	—	39.67	41.75	27.00	47.00	8.25	GL BR LG	—	76.90	—	—	—	—	1.25	
GL W SM	—	—	22.00	24.50	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	
GL BR XL	71.00	—	—	—	68.00	—	1.75									
GL BR LG	71.00	—	—	—	68.00	—	3.25									
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	29.00	—	3.00									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.00	28.73	24.00									
NRBS - 45	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.00	25.00	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 36	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	—	1.00									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/25/06	09/18/06	09/26/05
PACIFIC COAST	50	66	141
LOS ANGELES	48	64	137

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on extra large and large, higher on medium and steady on small. Supplies are adequate to available. Retail demand is fair to fairly good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	76.86
LARGE	72.86
MEDIUM	66.86
SMALL	48.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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Egg Quality Control

Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 9/24/2006 - 9/30/2006

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,278	2,278
Arkansas	0	0	2,220	2,220
Colorado	0	0	2,660	2,660
Illinois	0	0	614	614
Indiana	0	0	1,620	1,620
Iowa	4,218	5,340	41,238	50,796
Maine	0	0	750	750
Michigan	0	720	6,489	7,209
Minnesota	4,235	1,800	20,496	26,531
Missouri	0	0	6,706	6,706
North Carolina	0	900	2,570	3,470
Ohio	0	0	2,397	2,397
Oregon	786	0	0	786
South Dakota	0	0	680	680
Texas	0	0	3,009	3,009
Utah	1,430	1,470	13,349	16,249
Washington	300	0	0	300
Wisconsin	0	0	565	565
Grand Total	10,969	10,230	107,641	128,840
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	10,969	10,230	107,641	128,840